

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 17-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 4-6, 9-11, and 14-16 are canceled. Claims 17-23 are new. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Communication with the Examiner

On June 28, 2006 a telephone conversation was conducted between my Legal Assistant, Candace Crawford, and Examiner Tammara R. Peyton. During the course of the conversation, the following information was discussed:

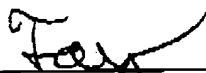
- The Restriction Requirement issued on June 7, 2006 did not address the Preliminary Amendment filed with the Divisional Application on July 22, 2003.
- The Restriction Requirement issued on June 7, 2006 contained reference to claims 4-6, 9-11, and 14-16, which had been previously canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 22, 2003.
- The Restriction Requirement did not address any of the new claims 17-23, which had been included in the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 22, 2003.
- Examiner Peyton agreed that she would *vacate* this current Restriction Requirement, and issue a new one.
- A faxed Interview Summary was requested during the conversation of June 28, 2006, and during subsequent conversations and messages left on July 3, 2006, and again on July 6, 2006, but as of the date of this filing, we have not received a faxed Interview Summary.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

DATE: July 7, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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